

**LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

**NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

**March 22, 1966**

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans on Monday and Tuesday, March 21 and 22, 1966.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs, and the preparation of the Agenda for the Tuesday meeting. The dates were also set for the Public Hearing which is to be held in Alexandria on June 23, 24 and 25. The Alexandria hearing will begin on Friday, June 24th at 10:00 A.M. and continue Saturday morning, June 25th.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday, March 22, 1966, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

Absent: A. J. Buquet was absent for the Monday meeting, but present on Tuesday for the Public Meeting.

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the Regular meetings, held on February 14 and 15, 1966, was dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission Members.

Chairman Thompson called upon Mr. Yancey for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey said that Placid Oil Company had secured permission from the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Commission to remove approximately 12,300 barrels of water daily from Clear Lake for use in its Natchitoches Parish Cycling Plant. Placid Oil is now asking that this Commission approve the agreement they have reached with the Northwest Commission which also included an annual payment of \$2500.00 for the water to the Northwest Commission. This matter has been reviewed with Robert Lafleur and Joe Herring, Division Chiefs of this Commission and we can see no objection to the withdrawal of this amount of water from the Lake as it should not affect water levels. We do not, however, believe that it is the prerogative of this Commission to approve the financial arrangement reached between the Northwest Commission and Placid Oil Company and recommend that this not be acted upon. Waste water will be reinjected into the ground and this should eliminate possible pollution.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Placid Oil Company has secured the permission of the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve Commission to withdraw approximately 12,300 barrels of water per day from Clear Lake, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, for use in its Natchitoches Parish Cycling Plant, and

WHEREAS, Placid Oil has agreed to pay the Northwest Louisiana Commission \$2500.00 annually for the use of the water an agreement that is not within the scope of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's authority to act upon, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission can foresee no problems arising from the use of the water to fish and game since the waste water will be reinjected and assurances were given by representatives of Placid Oil that lake water levels would not be affected, and

WHEREAS, the Placid Oil Company agrees to conduct its operations in the exercise of such Use Permit in a careful and prudent manner so as not to contaminate or disturb the water at the point of withdrawal and further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Northwest Louisiana Game and Fish Preserve Commission and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for any damages arising out of the exercise of its rights herein granted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission offers no objection to the Placid Oil Company to

withdraw approximately 12,300 barrels of water per day from Clear Lake, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, for use in its Natchitoches Parish Cycling Plant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission takes no action, either approval or disapproval, on the financial agreement reached between Placid Oil and the Northwest Fish and Game Preserve Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey stated that we have also received an application from the United Gas Pipe Line Company for the use of an underground reservoir for the storage of natural gas below parts of Lake Bistineau. Mr. Yancey said that permission has already been granted by the Lake Bistineau State Game and Fish Commission on this project. He said this has also been reviewed with Bob Lafleur and Joe Herring and we can see no objection from the fish and wildlife standpoint in connection with this project. The issuance of the permit will be handled through the State Land Office and the Mineral Board, however, they apparently wanted the concurrence of this Commission since the storage area is located below parts of Lake Bistineau.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission offers no objection to the proposed Underground

Gas storage Lease between the State of Louisiana, acting by and through the Register of the State Land Office, and United Gas Pipe Line Company for the underground storage of natural gas in the Pettet Formation of the Lake Bistineau Field, underlying State Leases Nos. 4474, 4495, 4496, Bossier and Bienville Parishes, Louisiana, with full particulars being stipulated in said lease, a copy of which is filed with the original Minutes of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any construction is contemplated that would affect fish and wildlife or the surface waters of Lake Bistineau that plans first be approved by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

Dr. St. Amant was called to the floor relative to the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant said that the Department of Public Works had been requested to advertise for bids on repair work at Grand Terre Laboratory in Jefferson Parish. He said that this work is necessary due to damages caused by Hurricane Betsy. The Leo Bowie General Contractor, Inc. submitted the low bid. Dr. St. Amant said that this contract has been examined and found to be in order and would like to recommend that it be approved by the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify the approval of the Contract No. 5697 between this Commission and Leo Bowie General Contractor, Inc. for repairs to the Grand Terre Marine Lab in Jefferson Parish in the amount of \$168,416.16.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify and approve the action of the Director in signing any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant then stated that he had received an application for permit to dredge in Lake Palourde, St. Mary and St. Martin Parishes from the Little Lake Towing and Dredging Company and read the following letters received, dated March 15, 1966:

"Gentlemen:

It is respectfully requested that we be granted permission to dredge shells from Lake Verret and Lake Palourde in Assumption and St. Martin Parishes, etc.

We have a new dredge, 12 barges, cranes, and all necessary equipment for a shell operation - which equipment will be idled until we are permitted to dredge on accessible shell deposits.

It is urgently requested that you give this your earliest consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Clay J. Calhoun, President"

Dr. St. Amant said that this request has been examined and there is no objection to the granting of this permit since it meets the requirements of this Commission and apparently will not affect wildlife and fisheries interests in the area. Dr. St. Amant

stated that he would like one stipulation to be included in the resolution and that is the exemption of any recreational area or the racing course for motor boats and the like.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, there will be no recreational areas or racing courses for motor boats and the like in the area.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Little Lake Towing and Dredging Company to dredge in Lake Palourde, St. Mary and St. Martin Parishes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant said that he also received a request for a permit by the Louisiana Land Exploration Company to dredge for fill material in Price Bayou for a land reclamation project. The following are two letters, dated March 14 as received from the Louisiana Land Exploration Company.

"Dear Sir:

A request is hereby made for permission to conduct dredging operations for boat docks. The fill material from this dredging, as well as the deepening and widening of Price Bayou, will be used as fill material and deposited on property owned by this Company in Section 86, Township 21 South, Range 18 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

To show plans and details, we are attaching one print each of sheets 1, 2 and 3, showing the proposed work outlined in red thereon.



Your attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,  
THE LOUISIANA LAND AND EXPLORATION COMPANY

/s/ Frank M. Richie  
Senior Vice President"

"Dear Sir:

Request is hereby made for permission to construct a boat dock, and dredging incidental thereto, in Little Cocodrie Bayou. The material from this dredging operation will be deposited on property owned by this Company in Section 84, Township 21 South, Range 18 East, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

To show plans in detail, we are attaching one print each of Sheets 1 and 2, showing the proposed work outlined in red thereon.

Your attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,  
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/s/ Frank M. Richie  
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Dr. St. Amant stated that it is estimated that 67,000 yards of fill material will be needed from State waterbottoms. This land will be used for the building of camp sites after dredging and filling has taken place as all of the highland in this area has already been consumed for camp sites. Since it will in no way affect wildlife and fisheries interests in the area, Dr. St. Amant recommended that the Commission grant this request.

Mr. Buquet then asked if there were any oyster leases in the area?

Dr. St. Amant said that there was one; however, it will be

protected in every way possible.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant the Louisiana Land Exploration Company a permit to dredge for fill material in Price Bayou in Section 86, Township 21 South, Range 18 East and Section 84, Township 21 South, Range 18 East in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Allan Ensminger was called to the floor relative to the consideration of bids on renovation of four buildings at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge at Grand Chenier, Louisiana.

Mr. Ensminger stated that the Commission requested the service of an architectural firm in Lake Charles, Hackett and Bailey, to prepare renovation plans for work on buildings at Rockefeller. The Division of Administration solicited bids, and the lowest price which they received was in the amount of \$35,700.00 submitted by Earle Miller Construction Company of Lake Charles, Louisiana. Mr. Hackett said that he had discussed the price with Mr. Miller and after careful consideration, he feels that the price submitted by Mr. Miller is a fair quotation. Mr. Ensminger said that this work is necessary and funds to finance the project are available in our major repair budget; therefore, Mr. Ensminger recommended that the Commission accept the low bid of Earl Miller Construction Company.

Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following

On motion unanimously adopted:  
resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries  
Commission hereby approve to enter into a contract with  
Comm Construction Company of Lake Charles for the  
messary at Rockefeller Refuge at Grand Chenier,

The total quoted price for the work is \$35,700.00

IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and  
ed to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Joe L. Herring was then called to the floor relative  
the acceptance of the lease agreements from Cities Service  
and others for the establishment of a Wildlife Management Area  
in Ouachita Parish.

Mr. Herring said that Cities Service, and other companies  
and individuals have offered to lease some 16,000 to 18,000  
acres to the Commission at no charge. Cities Service owns  
about 13,200 acres of the total. Mr. Herring stated that it  
should make a good game management area and recommended that  
the Commission authorize the Director to sign the leases and  
take the necessary steps to establish this tract of land as a  
wildlife management area.

Mr. Thompson then said that the Commission had lost its  
lease on the Chicago Mills Game Management Area and that this  
would be a very good way in which to start compensating for  
that loss.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the leasing of lands owned by Cities Service (Columbian Fuel Corporation) and other companies and individuals, in Ouachita Parish for the purpose of establishing a Wildlife Management Area of approximately 18,000 acres in size.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Ted O'Neil was called to the floor relative to the closing of alligator season.

Mr. O'Neil said that the Commission has maintained a closed season on alligators for the past three or four years. For the benefit and protection of all concerned, Mr. O'Neil recommended that this season continued to be closed by the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby continue to close the alligator season until further notice by said Commission.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Yancey to tell of Senator J. C. Gilbert's request.

Mr. Yancey said that Senator J. C. Gilbert has requested the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to give recommendations on a bill he plans to introduce into the legislature during the forthcoming session. This bill is to increase the penalties for night hunting of deer. Mr. Yancey said that this has been discussed with the various division chiefs and it was found that it would be advisable that the penalties be increased, however, not to the extent that they would be so stiff as to cause many cases to be nol-prossed. Mr. Yancey said that it is recommended that the fines be increased as follows: First offense - minimum fine \$75.00 with the maximum of \$200.00; Second offense - minimum fine \$150.00 with the maximum of \$400.00; Third Offense - minimum fine \$300.00 with the maximum of \$500.00. The penalties relative to jail sentences and license suspension to remain as they now stand with no change.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby recommend to Senator J. C. Gilbert that Penalties for night hunting deer or hunting deer or turkey in closed season be increased by an enactment of new legislature to the following extent. This would amend Section 123 H, Title 56, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

WHEREAS, by the hunting of taking of deer or turkeys in

d season or by the hunting or taking of deer or turkeys  
after official sunset and before one-half hour before sunrise  
shall for the first offense be fined not less than seventy-five  
dollars and not more than two hundred dollars or be imprisoned  
in jail for not less than thirty days nor more than sixty days,  
or both. For the second offense the violator shall be fined  
not less than one hundred fifty dollars and not more than four  
hundred dollars or be imprisoned in jail for not less than  
sixty days and not more than ninety days, or both. For the  
third offense the violator shall be fined not less than three  
hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars and be  
imprisoned in jail for not less than sixty days, and in addition  
the license under which said violation occurred shall be revoked  
and shall not be reinstated at any time during the period for  
which it has been issued and for one year thereafter. The jail  
sentence herein provided for the second and third offenses shall  
be mandatory, and no sentence or fine imposed for any violation  
shall be suspended for any cause or reason whatsoever, nor  
shall any diminution of sentence be allowed or granted for  
good behavior or otherwise.

Chairman Thompson said that he would like to commend  
Senator Gilbert for his proposal to strengthen Louisiana's deer  
hunting laws since this will do much towards reducing violations  
and result in the saving of many deer.

Chairman Thompson then, requested Mr. Yancey to tell the Commission about the coming experimental teal season.

Mr. Yancey said that the Commission received a letter from the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife stating that Louisiana will again be granted a nine day teal season in 1966. They now want the Commission to select the dates of the season within the month of September. Mr. Yancey recommended that the season for 1966 be set to begin at sunrise on Saturday, September 17 and end at sunset on Sunday, September 25. If you will recall, the season last year was Saturday, September 18 and ended on Sunday, September 26 and those dates worked out satisfactorily. Over 41,000 teal hunting permits were issued, but only 14,000 teal hunters went afield, because of Hurricane Betsy. It is estimated that about 66,000 teal were bagged and the season worked out very successfully as a whole. There were a few mottled ducks shot and Mr. Yancey said these were probably intentional violations that would have occurred even without the teal season. The early teal season gives our sportsmen time to harvest a few blue-wings since these ducks always migrate on south before the start of the regular duck season.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to establish the dates of the Louisiana experimental

teal season beginning at sunrise on Saturday, September 17 and ending at sunset on Sunday, September 25, 1966.

WHEREAS Louisiana will have an open season of nine (9) consecutive days with daily shooting hours from sunrise until sunset and a daily bag limit of four (4) and a possession limit of eight (8) blue-winged, green-winged, and cinnamon teal, singly or in the aggregate of these species, and

WHEREAS hunters will be issued special permits for the experimental teal season by this Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Wright, the meeting was adjourned.